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The French Ambassador, Baron Geoffroy Chodron de Courcel, called on me. I had met him several times before, and like both him and his attractive wife. I would guess he will make a great success of his mission here, and not simply because he has the reputation of being so close to General de Gaulle. He is obviously a talented man, with an engaging personality. His grandfather was Ambassador to Great Britain in 1885. He attended some of the talks between the General and the Prime Minister last weekend. He thought the press here and in France had always been mistaken in alleging that the General was fundamentally opposed to Great Britain entering the Common Market. He thought the General had probably explained to the Prime Minister that he would welcome UK adhesion, if it came to pass under reasonable conditions.

John Beaufort, of the Christian Science Monitor, called on me. He has had an interesting career, having been, for two spells of assignment, the Christian Science Monitor's music and dramatic critic in New York, and a foreign correspondent during the interval. He is delighted to be in London, working as a journalist.

Tonight, we dined with the Leo d'Erlangers, at 44 Upper Grosvenor Street, and went on for dancing afterwards at the Savoy Hotel. I did not linger on at the Savoy, but some of our guests did, and got home after daybreak.

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I was at the London Airport a little before 11:00 o'clock this morning, to greet Prince Philip on his return from the United States. George Drew was there, on behalf of Canada, for the same reason, and Alec Home represented the Government. There was a bevy of Airport officials, and a clutch of photographers. The Prince looked bright and bronzed--not at all as if he had been on a tiring trip.

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